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Sent: 12/10/2020 7:26:09 PM
To: Espitia, Alba [espitia.alba@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: CARB Sec 105 Grant
Attachments: Salton Sea Community Support EPA 105 Workplan.docx

Hi Alba,

Jer needs something to share with her folks by tomorrow so I hope you have time to talk through her stipend question today.

Assuming we can talk soon, here's some guidance <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-11/documents/epa-guidance-on-participant-support-costs.pdf> and a little more detail:

Agency	Project	Target Output	FY20 Funding	FY18 Funding
CARB	Imperial County/Mexicali PM and ozone air alert and forecast mobile app and website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct air quality forecasting and alerts • Update website layout and graphics. • Add monthly and annual reports. • Add data analysis for high-PM_{2.5} events. 	\$12,000	\$150,00
CARB	Assist the City of Mexicali to develop a Purple Air correction factor for the region/season	• A correction factor for their Purple Air sensor network, which Mexicali plans to use to issue AQI alerts to residents	\$10,000	
CARB	Support SPA with standards certification	• QA/QC consumables	\$5,000	
CARB	Assist the City of Tijuana set up a 50 sensor network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensors • Training in Tijuana. 	\$18,000	
CARB	Train SPA (Baja) and City of Mexicali on air monitoring station calibration	• Training	\$5,000	
CARB	Salton Sea Community and Researchers Task Force (1 year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene university and college investigators, members of state and local agencies, non-profit organizations as well as community members. • Two task force meetings/year. 	\$75,000	

CARB's attached work plan lists specific tasks, including stipends (possibly amazon gift cards) for community members that participate in workshops. I don't recall previously seeing this work plan document, but it's been a challenging year and maybe I missed it. In either case, the following questions and thoughts came to mind while trying to determine if stipends (incentives) could be allowed for this project:

- 1) Assuming this an allowable expense, should CARB provide more details for the stipends/incentives such as
 - a. How much of the \$75k would be used for stipends?

- b. How will they determine the cost for electronic participation?
- 2) Is usage of a specific company (i.e. Amazon gift card) an allowable EPA purchase for the recipient? It appears questionable because we cannot enforce any restrictions or prohibit unethical purchases with the card. Seems like the incentive should be directly linked to the project.
 - 3) Am I missing anything else? Do you have any additional concerns?

If this request is approved, a formal amendment (NGGS opportunity) will be required to formally approve participant support costs and add the term & condition, right?

That's it. Please let me know your thoughts. 😊

Thanks!

- Angie

From: Yang, Jer@ARB [mailto:jer.yang@arb.ca.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 7:45 AM
To: Latigue, Angela <Latigue.Angela@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CARB Sec 105 Grant

No problem. I guess the question now is what type of stipend is allowable? They are thinking about gift cards.

Thank you,

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From: Latigue, Angela <Latigue.Angela@epa.gov>
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Thanks for directing me to the stipend language in the work plan. This helps a lot. 😊

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Okay, thanks. The stipend is mentioned in the work plan under project activities, item 1.

Thank you,

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Hi Jer,

I am checking on this and will do my best to have a response before close of business today.

Thanks!

- Angie

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To: Latigue, Angela <Latigue.Angela@epa.gov>

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Hi Angela,

I would like to follow-up on this email. I have a meeting with Program tomorrow and would like to be able to provide them with some insight on whether paying stipends to community members is an allowable expenditures for federal grants.

Thank you,

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From: Yang, Jer@ARB
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Latigue, Angela <Latigue.Angela@epa.gov>
Subject: CARB Sec 105 Grant

Hi Angela,

Program is inquiring on whether we may use federal grants to pay for stipends (possibly amazon gift cards) to community members that participate in workshops. I don't recall working with any other grants that does that. Do you have any experience with these kinds of expenditures?

Thank you,

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